least two or three holidays, or appellate Courts may be directed to entertain and hear appeals on holidays.

Reply of Government.—Does not appear to be necessary, but the matter will be referred to the Chief Court.

SUBJECT No. 52.

A separate examination for persons to qualify themselves to practice in Criminal Courts.

Messrs. V. Narnappa and Singri Nanjappa, District Board, Tumkur.

Summary of discussion.—Generally no Vakeels are available at taluk head-quarters to plead in Criminal Courts. Raiyats will have to procure their services from a distance at considerable trouble. It is prayed that an examination in Kannada may be instituted to qualify persons who have passed the Lower Secondary Examination to appear and plead in Criminal Courts.

Reply of Government.—It is not advisable to lower the existing grades of legal practitioners.

SUBJECT No. 53.

Chemical analysis of gold in criminal cases.

Messrs. C. B. Gopal Rao, M. S. Ramachariar and Mudrachappa (Kolar Municipality).

Summary of discussion.—The following points may kindly be considered:—(*a*) The delay in the analysis.

(*b*) The consequent hardship on the party concerned.

(*c*) The large quantity of gold taken up for the analysis.

Reply of Government—The delay in the analysis is due to the large number of requisitions received. As much expedition as possible will, however, be used.

The residue gold after analysis will be ordered to be returned unless there are any reasons to the contrary which will be enquired into.

SUBJECT No. 54.

The preservation of caste distinction among convicts.

Mr. Daud Khan, Tumkur Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—As the supply of food without caste distinction to convicts in prisons is undesirable, it is requested that necessary orders may be passed to preserve caste distinction among them.

Reply of Government.—It is not possible to make any definite rules on the subject. What is possible is being already done. Thus men of higher caste alone are chosen to cook, and Brahmins and Lingayats are allowed separate messes of their own.

SUBJECT No. 55.

Divesting the patels of the power of impounding stray cattle.

Mr. Shanbhog Shamaiya, Kankanhalli Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—The entrusting of the work of impounding stray cattle to patels is detrimental to efficient work. Patels are apt to be partial and cannot find time for attending to this work in the face of other more important duties. So this work may be entrusted either to village Panchayets or other responsible and respectable persons.

Reply of Government.—This is not possible, and not expedient.

SUBJECT No. 56.

Police reforms.

Mr. B. Mailaraiya, Municipality of Seringapatam.

Summary of discussion.—Withdrawal of Police powers from the Amildar and other Police reforms are prayed for.

Withdrawn.